



# Next Generation Space Telescope (NGST)

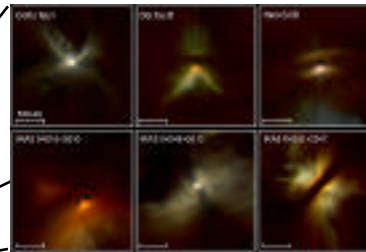
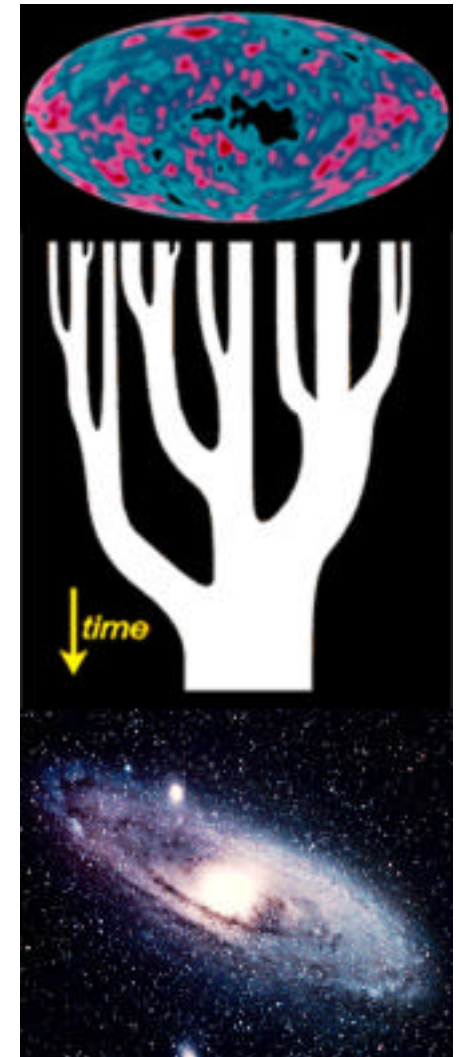
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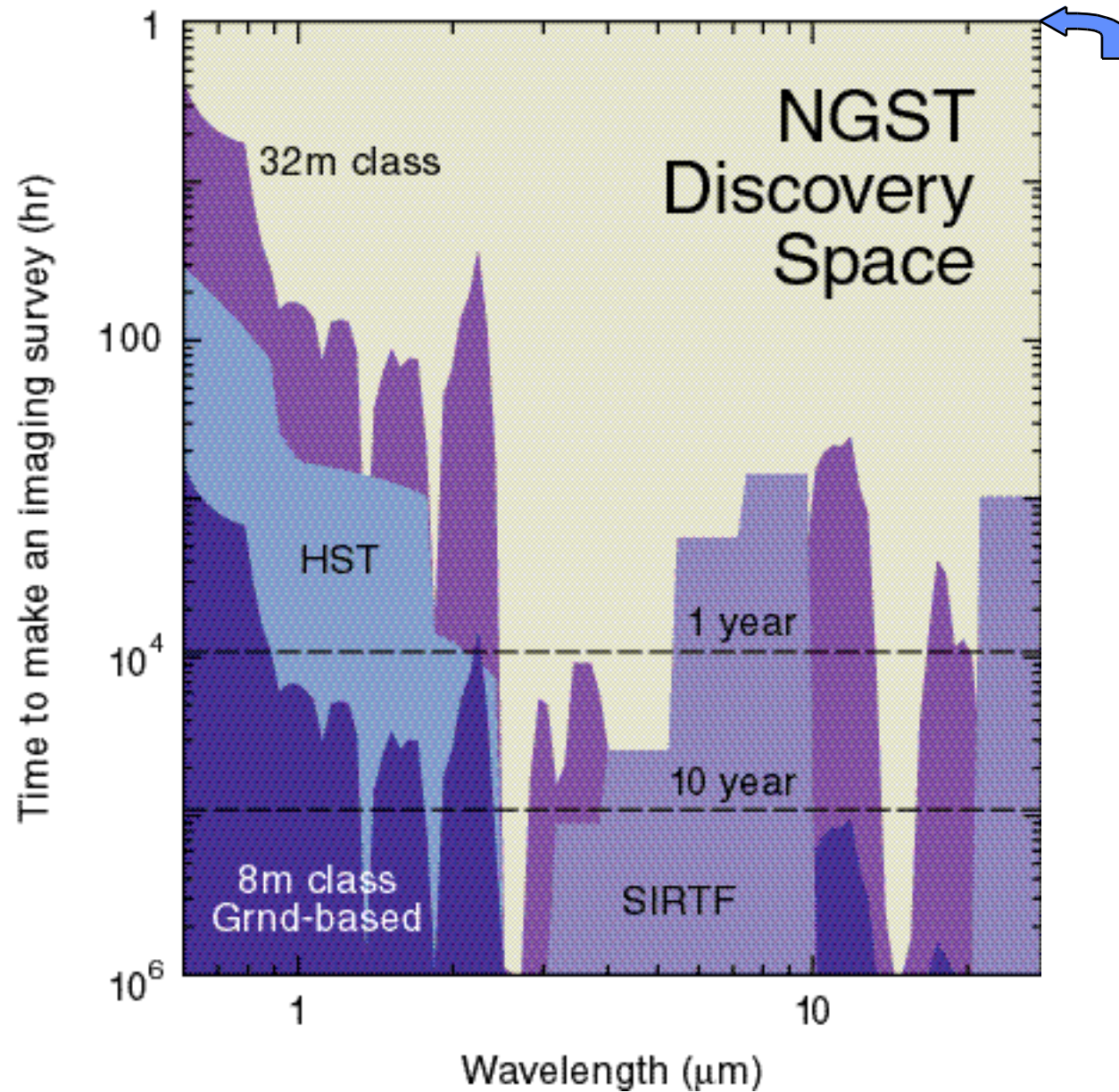
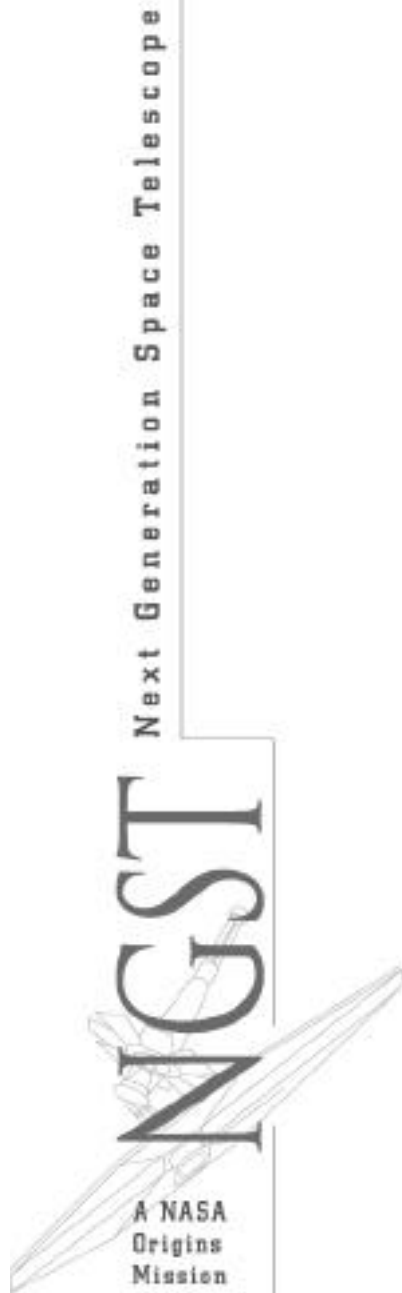
NGC 4214 Star Formation Fireworks

# Key NGST Science Objectives

- Detect and Characterize the First Stars and Galaxies to Form after the Big Bang
  - “First Light” Machine
- Measure the Complete Formation Processes of Galaxies and the Creation of Heavy Elements
  - Visiting a Time When Galaxies Were Young
- Study the Details of Star and Planet Formation in our Galaxy
  - Prolog to Astrobiology



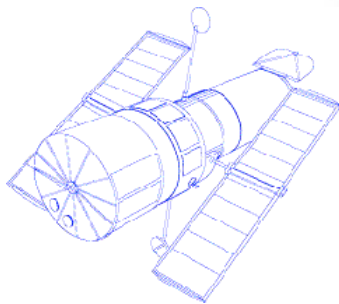
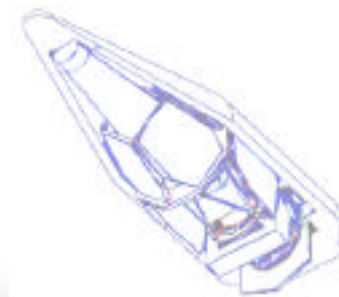
# Discovery Space for NGST



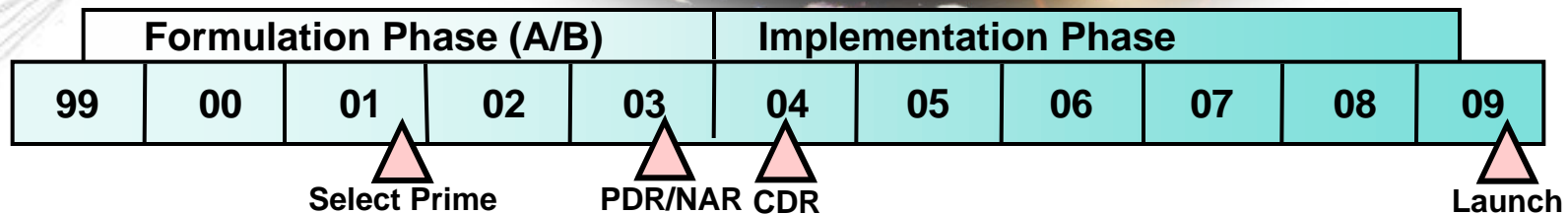


# NGST at a Glance

- 8m Primary Mirror
- 0.6-10+  $\mu\text{m}$  Wavelength Range
- 5 year Mission Life (10-year goal)
- Passively Cooled to  $<50\text{K}$
- L2 Orbit



- Logical successor to HST
- Key part of the Origins Program



# Quantifying Science Goals: The DRM

- The Design Reference Mission (DRM) was created by the Ad hoc Science Working Group
- DRM contains the “Dressler Report” science
- DRM does not preempt proposal process
- Comprised of 23 large, critical science programs that could be carried out in ~2.5 years
- 7 Core Programs
  - 1: Formation & Evolution of Galaxies – Imaging
  - 2: Formation & Evolution of Galaxies – Spectroscopy
  - 3: Mapping Dark Matter
  - 4: Search for Reionization Epoch
  - 5: Measuring Cosmological Parameters
  - 6: Formation & Evolution of Galaxies – Obscured Stars & AGN
  - 7: Physics of Star Formation: Protostars

# Science Goals Drive Observatory Performance

- 1: 2  $\mu\text{m}$  Diffraction Limited Imaging, Large FOV, 8m Sensitivity, 0.6-5  $\mu\text{m}$
- 2: 1-5  $\mu\text{m}$  NIR Multiplexed Spectroscopy,  $R=100-3000$ ; 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$  Spectroscopy,  $R=3000$
- 3: Very Wide FOV; Stable Point-Spread Function
- 4: Very Sensitive NIR Spectroscopy,  $R=100-300$
- 5: Ability to follow fields over months
- 6: MIR (10-28+  $\mu\text{m}$ ) Imaging/Spectroscopy,  $R=300$
- 7: MIR (10-28+  $\mu\text{m}$ ) Imaging/Spectroscopy,  $R=3000+$

# Recommended Instruments for NGST Goals

- 4' x 4' NIR Camera (8k x 8k pixels)
  - Nyquist sampled at 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , 0.6-5  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $R \sim 100$  grism mode
    - First light, galaxy formation, dark matter, supernovae, young stars, Kuiper Belt Objects (KBO), stellar populations **(1, 3, 5, 6)**
- 3' x 3' NIR  $R \sim 1000$  Multi-Object Spectrograph
  - Simultaneous source spectra(  $\sim 100$ ), 1-5  $\mu\text{m}$ 
    - Gal formation/diagnostics (clustering, abund., star form., kinematics), Active Galactic Nuclei, young stellar clusters (Initial Mass Function (IMF)/stellar populations) **(2, 4, 5, 7)**
- 2' x 2' Mid IR Camera/ $R \sim 1500$  Spectrograph
  - Nyquist sampled at  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ , 5-28  $\mu\text{m}$ , grisms & slit
    - Physics of old stars at high redshift,  $z \sim 5$  obscured star form. & Active Galactic Nuclei to  $z \sim 5$ , PAHs to  $z \sim 5$ , H $\alpha$  to  $z \sim 15$ , cool stellar IMF, protostars and disks, KBO sizes, comets **(1, 6, 7)**

(Core science program numbers in **red**)

# Desirable 4th Instrument Capabilities

- NIR  $R=3000-5000$  PSF-sampled spectrograph
  - $0.1''$  angular resolution,  $\sim 2'' \times 2''$  FOV
  - 2d for single, extended object spectroscopy
- $0.6 - 1 \mu\text{m}$  camera (sampling diffraction spike)
  - $\sim 0.01''$  angular resolution,  $1' \times 1'$  FOV
  - (Note-- assumes NIRCAM has  $0.6 \mu\text{m}$  capability)
  - Stellar pops/White Dwarf cooling curve, circumstellar disks, high- $z$  gal. Morphology
- MIR  $R=3000-5000$  PSF-sampled spectrograph
  - $0.3''$  angular resolution,  $2'' \times 2''$  FOV,  $5-28.3 \mu\text{m}$
  - Instead of  $R \sim 1500$  add-on spectrograph to MIR camera



# NGST Key Technologies

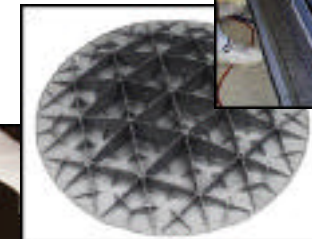
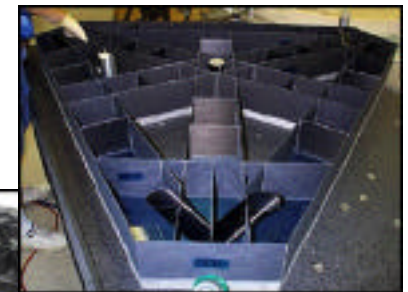
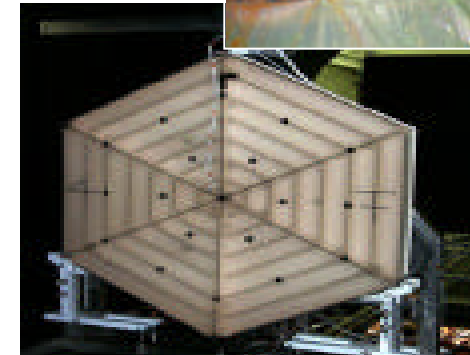
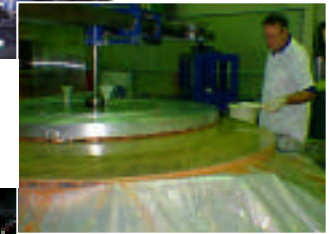
- Technologies must be sufficiently mature by Non-Advocate Review (Technology Readiness Level – TRL 6)
- The following have been identified as key technologies:

Technology Product	Affected Science Programs	TRL Level	\$(M)	% Technology Budget
Lightweight Cryogenic Primary Mirror	1-7	3-4	29.0	37%
Large Format, Low Noise IR detectors	1-7	4	15.0	19%
Wavefront Sensing & Control Methodology	1-7	4	11.4	15%
MEMS Spectroscopic Slit Assemblies	2	3-4	11.2	14%
Low Vibration, Long Life Cryo-coolers	6, 7	4	5.0	6%
Lightweight Sunshield	1-7	3	3.8	5%
Cryogenic Actuators	1-7	4-5	0.9	1%
Cryogenic Deformable Mirror	1, 3, 5	2-3	0.9	1%
Precision Deployable Structures	1-7	4-5	0.5	<1%
Vibration Control Methodology	1-7	5-6	0.5	<1%

Items in *red* are critical path technologies that strongly influenced decision to replan schedule

# Lightweight Cryogenic Optics (TRL 3-4)

- Objective/Requirements
  - 8m deployable primary,  $<15 \text{ kg/m}^2$  areal density,  $2\mu\text{m}$  diffraction limit,  $T < 40\text{K}$
- Technology Development Efforts
  - NGST Mirror System Demonstrator (NMSD)
    - COI/REOSC (1.5m glass/composite)
    - University of Arizona (2m glass shell/composite)
  - Subscale Demonstrators
    - Ball/Tinsley (0.5m beryllium)
    - IABG (0.5m C-SiC)
  - Advanced Mirror System Demonstrator (AMSD)
    - Phase 1 Contracts completed
      - Raytheon, Kodak, Ball, COI, U. of Arizona
    - Phase 2 Contractors selected
  - Test facility ready at MSFC
- TPF also investing in AMSD
- Issues
  - To date progress slower than anticipated
    - Launch deferred



Next Generation Space Telescope

NGST

A NASA  
Origins  
Mission

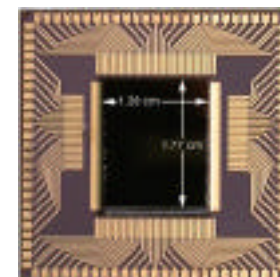
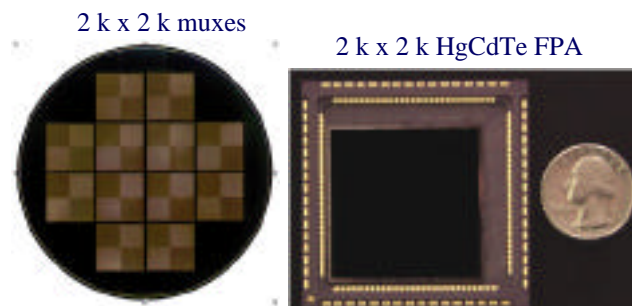
# IR Detectors & Focal Plane Arrays (TRL 4)

- Objective: Develop & demonstrate very **large format** IR arrays, with sensitivity for **background-limited** observations

## Sensitivity Challenges

**Near-IR:** Low Noise, 90% QE  
<0.02e/sec dark current  
<15 e/sec read noise  
Pursuing **InSb** and 5 $\mu$ m **HgCdTe**

**Mid-IR:** Low Noise, 80% QE  
<1e/sec dark current  
<15 e/sec read noise  
Pursuing **Si:As**, Si:Ga, & 10 $\mu$ m HgCdTe



412x512  
Si:As array

## Size, Producibility Challenges

Chip Format: Develop 1KX1K & 2KX2K  
Tiling Chips: make 16Mpixel FPAs  
Manufacturing: yield, low-cost, high-volume

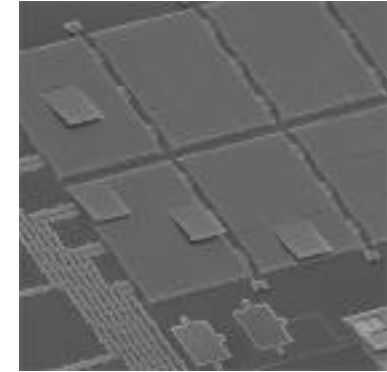


4 k x 4 k working mockup

Well-characterized  
technology options  
for instrument  
proposals in 2002/3

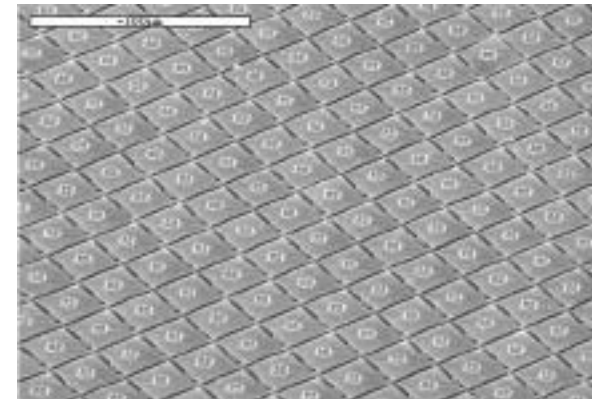
# Micromirror Test Arrays for NGST (TRL 3-4)

- Objective: Develop technology to allow selection of >100 targets per/FOV for spectroscopy
- Affected Science Programs (2, 4, 6)
- Pursuing both micromirror and microslit selector technologies
- Major focus for NRA 2 funding
- Issue: Riskiest instrument technology, offramps to be pursued in NRA 2 also



Sandia National Lab.

(Both designs feature  
100  $\mu\text{m}$  mirror elements)



GSFC 256x256 array



# Wavefront Sensing & Control (TRL 4)

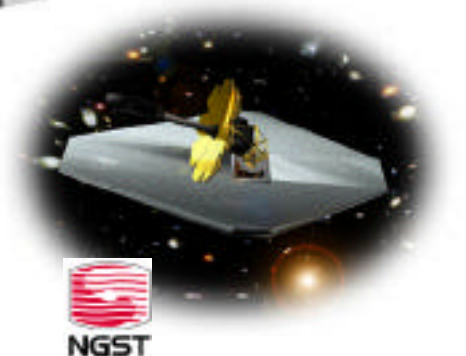
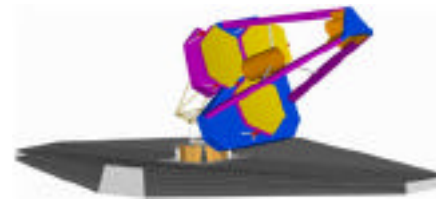
- Objective: develop models and algorithms for controlling segmented optics on testbeds for use in Nexus and ultimately NGST
- Affected Science Programs **(1-7)**

## NGST WFC Testbeds



- **Telescope simulator**
  - Wavefront error
  - Segment error
- **Dispersed fringe sensing for coarse phasing**
- **Actuated segments**
- **CCD Camera for wavefront sensing**
- **Deformable quaternary mirror for fine WFC**
- **Future additions**
  - Deformable segments
  - Fast steering mirror for jitter control

## Nexus





# NGST Cryogenic Actuators (TRL 4-5)

- Objective: Produce actuators to adjust Primary Mirror shape and segment phase
- Affected Science Programs **(1-7)**

## Critical Requirements:

- 30K operation
- 20nm resolution
- 6mm stroke



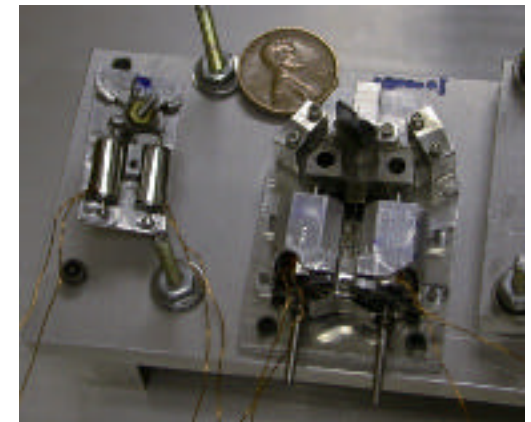
AI Hatheway-developed Actuator

- Cryo tested at JPL
- 10mm stroke
- 8nm resolution
- Electromagnetic stepper motor/gearbox design by Schaeffer



Langley-developed Actuator

- Being tested
- 10mm stroke
- 13nm resolution
- Weighs 58gm
- Uses a Smoothy motor/gearbox



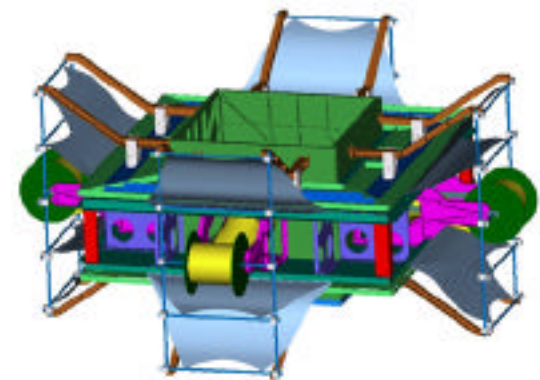
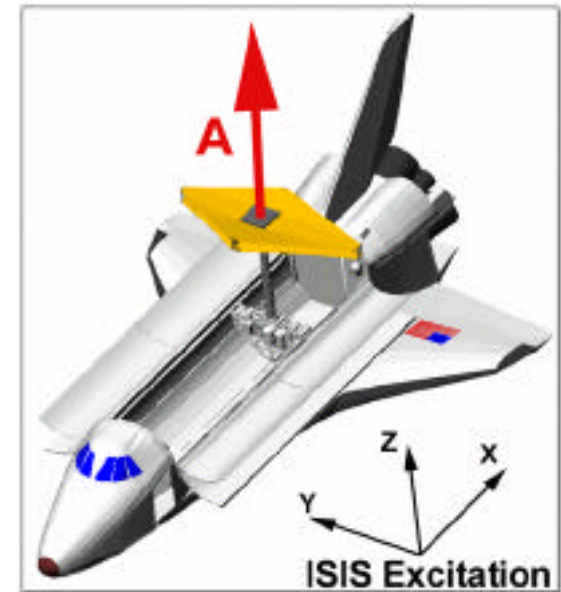
U/Az Impact-Driven Figure-Control Actuator

## • Success

- Technology Development by Govt. Concluded; Transferred to Industry

# ISIS Sunshield Validation

- Validate key aspects of the deployment of a large, lightweight (gossamer) structure for NGST
  - Membrane handling
  - On-orbit dynamics and structural properties
  - Rigidization of struts
- Full scale thermal vac test at GSFC
- Scheduled launch: October, 2001
  - STS 112
  - 1/3rd scale
- May workshop with industry
- Issue
  - Assessing Feasibility of STS107 Launch (March 2001)



# How Nexus Benefits NGST

- It is the logical link between technology developments...

- *AMSD cryo mirrors*      • *Deployment*      • *Detectors*  
• *WFSC*                      • *Sunshield*              • *Industrial IR&D*

...government and industry system studies...

- *Designs*      • *Metrology*  
                    • *Integration*      • *Operations*

...management and process...

- *Cost*      • *Schedule*      • *Teaming*

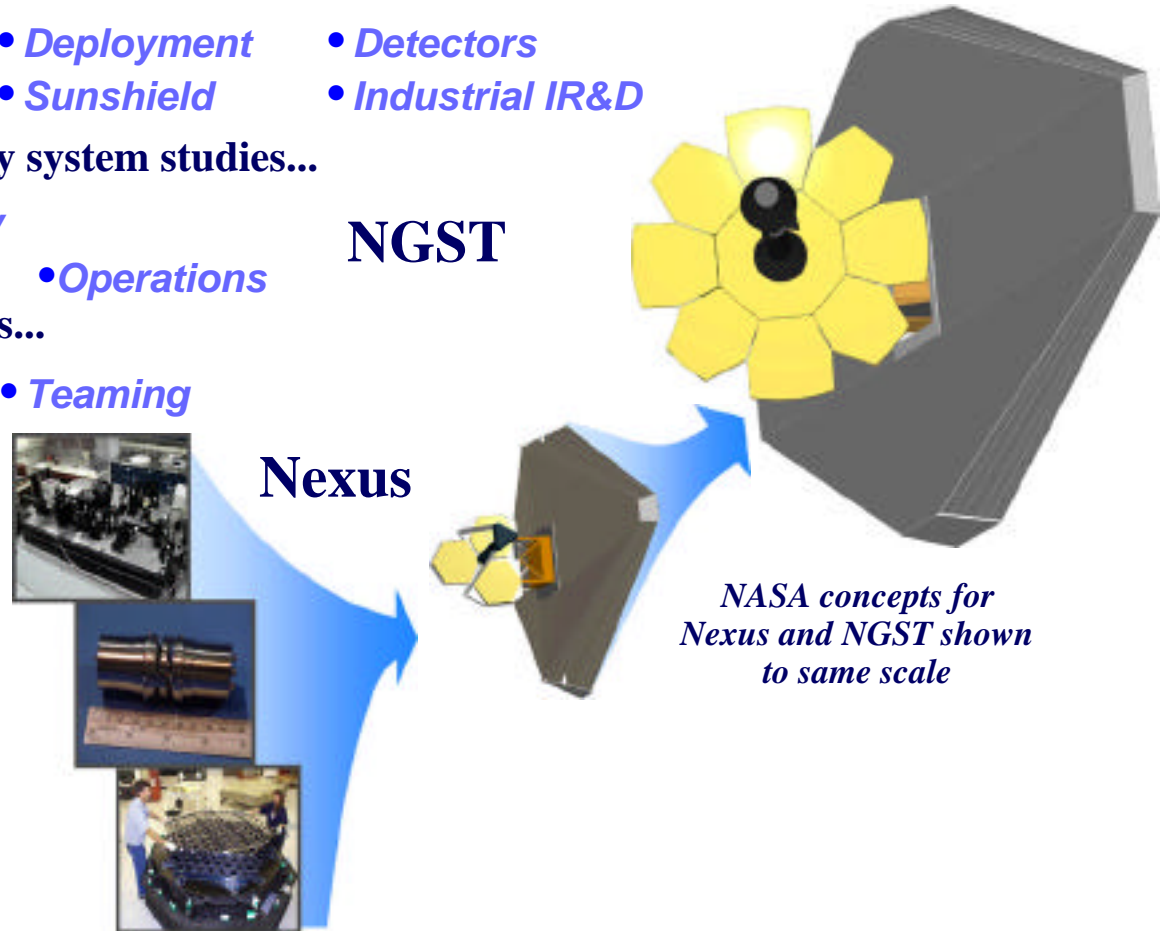
...and the flight of NGST.

NGST

Nexus

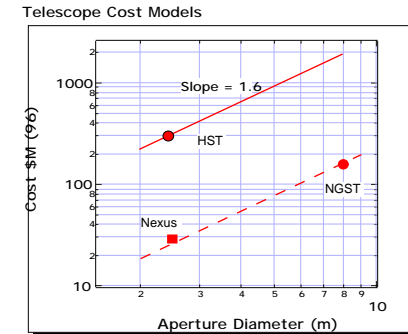
*NASA concepts for  
Nexus and NGST shown  
to same scale*

In conjunction with OTA & Sunshield ground tests, it represents the lowest cost/risk systems verification approach for a large, ultra-lightweight telescope



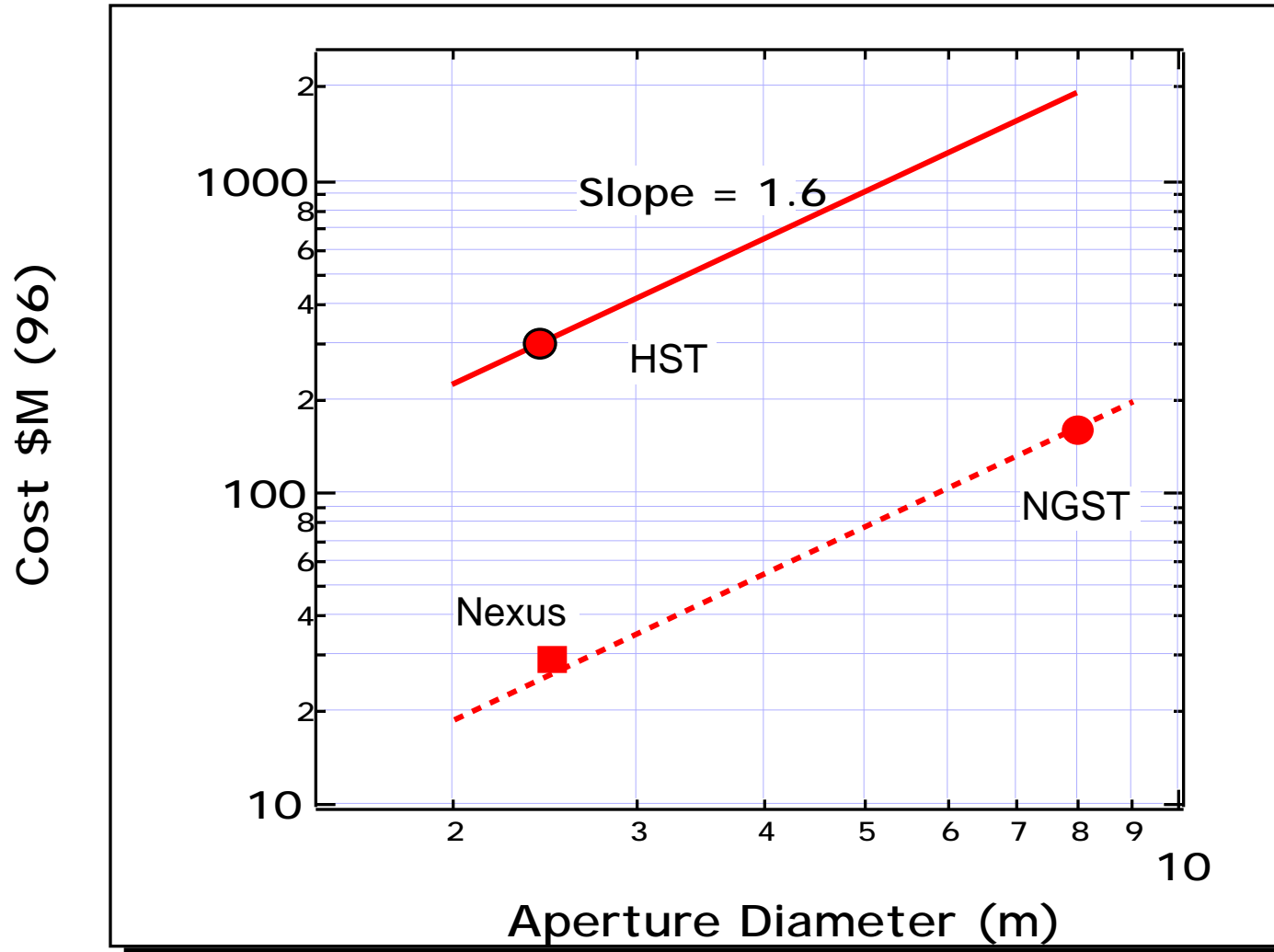
# Nexus Mitigates NGST Cost & Risk

- Tests New Large Optics Cost Curve
- Operations & Algorithms
  - Observing efficiency 80%
    - Loss of 10% efficiency = loss of \$50M in Observations
- I & T Methodology
  - Model Validation for Non-linear Effects in Zero-g Environment
  - Fabrication Techniques & Reduced Schedule
- Permits \$-for-\$ savings in NGST C/D costs by flying full-scale prototype hardware & software for NGST
  - Mirrors
  - Reaction structure
  - Actuators
  - Sunshield (1/2 scale)
  - NIRCAM SCA and C&DH
  - Wavefront Sensing and Control Algorithms
- Pathfinder to Normal Processes for Future Large Space Telescopes



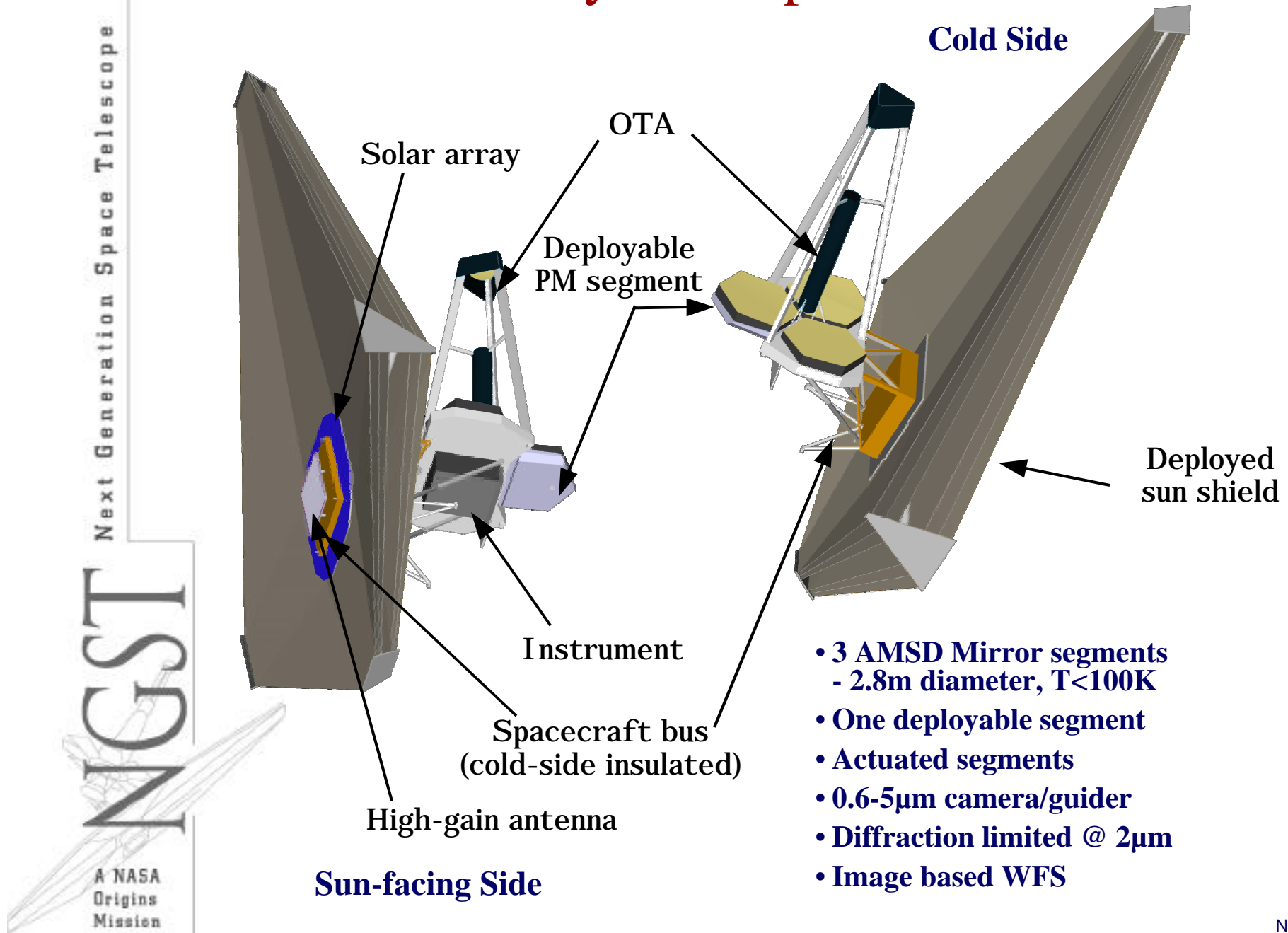
# Nexus Mitigates NGST Cost & Risk (cont'd)

Telescope Cost Models

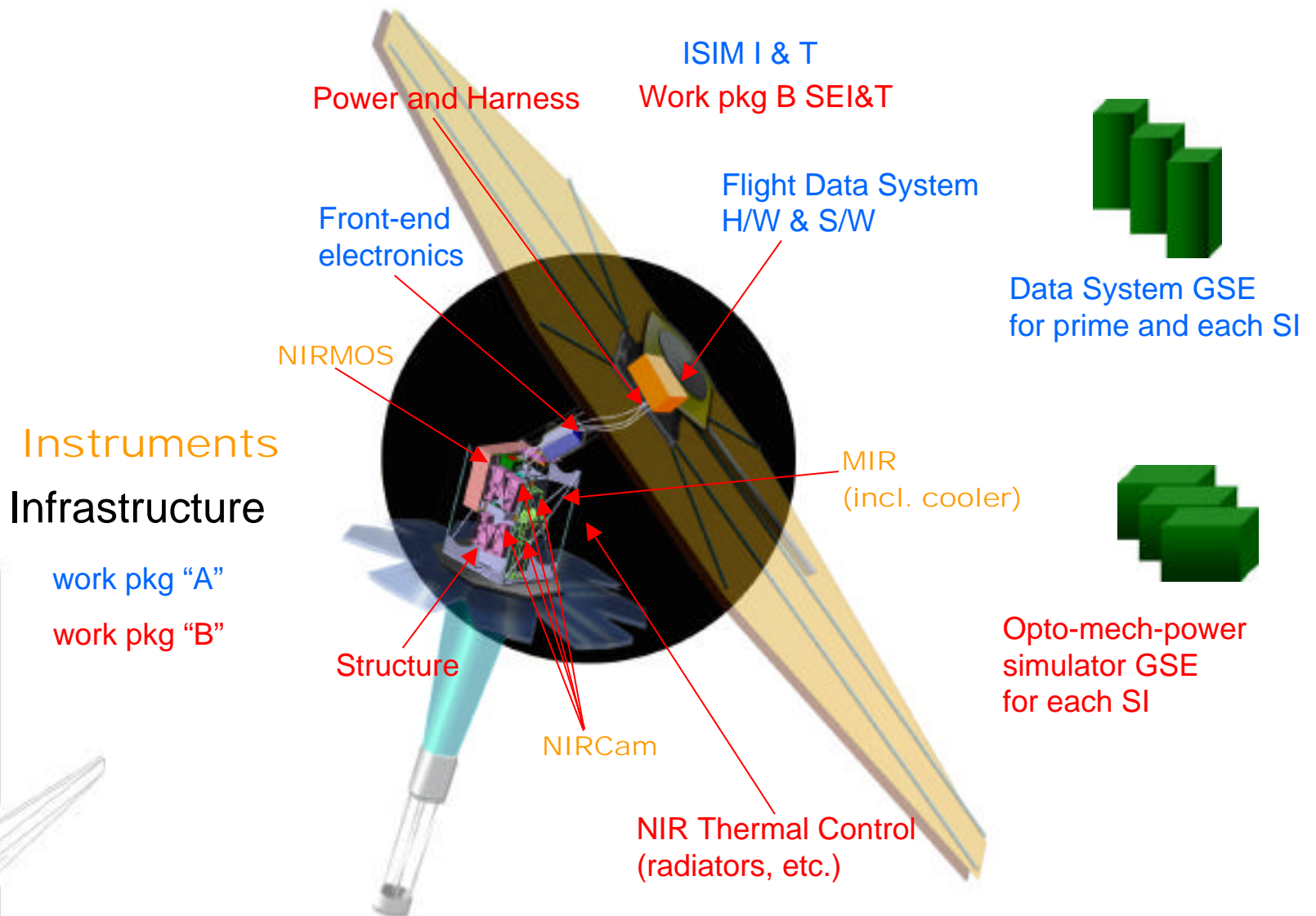




# Nexus Observatory Concept

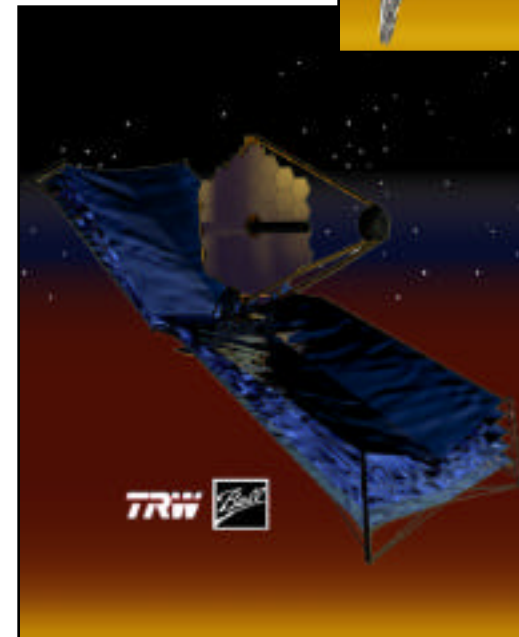


# ISIM is the Payload of NGST



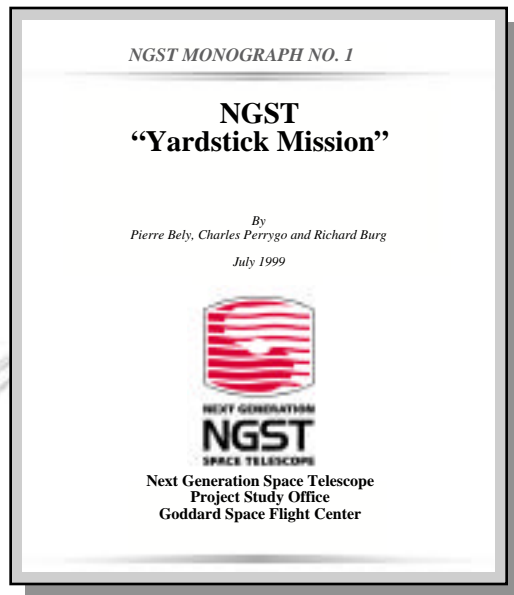
# Major Accomplishments

- Contracted with TRW and Lockheed for Phase 1 Studies
  - Blue Dot Consortium was debriefed
- Awarded AMSD contracts to Ball, Raytheon, and Kodak
- Completion of the Ball SBMD mirror technology program
  - NMSD/COI mirror fab complete and mirror is in test
- ASWG and astronomical community consented to a preferred, prioritized instrument suite



# NGST Monograph Series

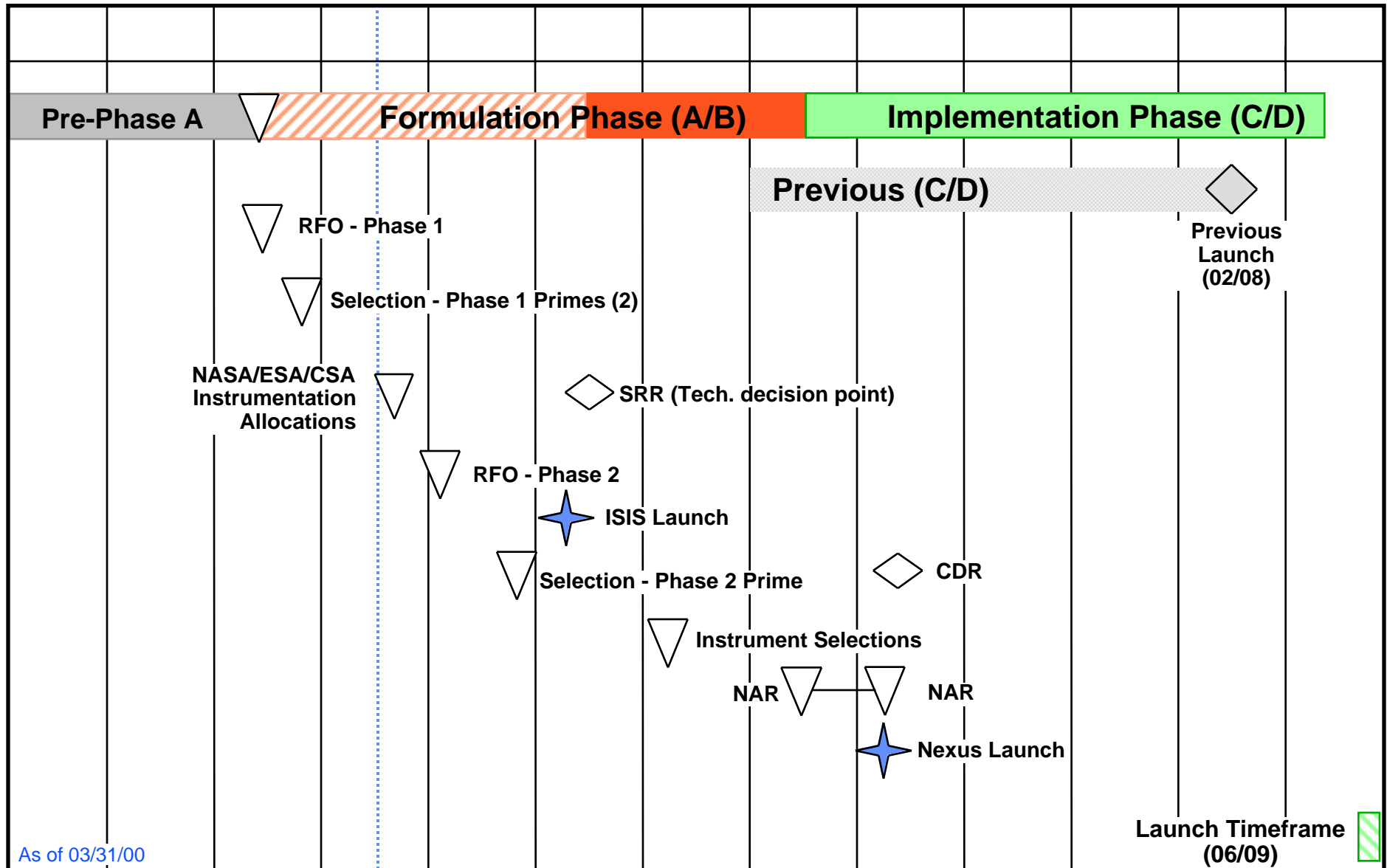
- Details of Government Team “Yardstick” NGST
  - Documents design philosophy/decisions
  - Transitions team role from leading to collaborating with Primes
- Similar to Keck Monograph Series
- Available online
  - <http://www.ngst.nasa.gov/project/text/monographs.html>



## 9 volumes

1. General Design Overview
2. Stray Light Analysis
3. Implications of MIR Capability
4. I & T Strawman Plan
5. System Requirements
6. Performance Analysis
7. Optical Quality Guidelines
8. Radiation Environment for NGST
9. Optical System Testing Strawman Plan

# NGST Top Level Observatory Schedule





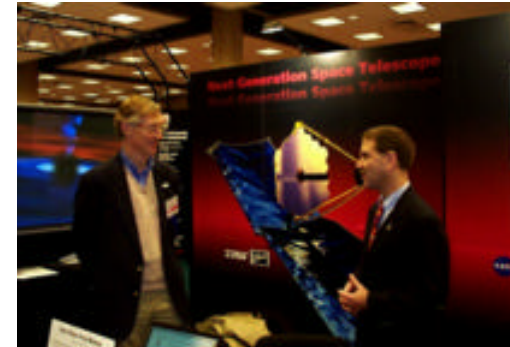
# Launch Replanned for 2009 Because:

- Technology maturation rates slower than expected
  - Mirrors
  - Detectors
- Budget profile did not support instrument technology development
  - Multi-Object Spectrograph aperture selector devices
  - Cryocoolers
- Nexus pathfinder flight never properly phased with the AMSD program
  - AMSD pilot line
  - Full scale segment EMU
- Phase C/D duration, particularly I & T aspects, too aggressive at 54 months
- Overall, too success-oriented (no slack)

# NGST Outreach

- Science Meetings
  - Atlanta AAS Instrument Capabilities presentation (1/00)
  - Detector Workshop (4/99)
- Hyannis Meeting (9/99)
  - ~250 participants from industry & academia
  - Proceedings published this summer by ASP
  - Final tech infusion meeting for NGST
- NGST.Site development begun
  - Public Outreach website similar to HST.Site

Atlanta AAS



Hyannis meeting



# Report Card for Last Year – Accomplishment Metrics

Last Year's Goals	Status to Date	Comments
<b>• Technology Development Milestones</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cryogenic Actuator Prototype</li> <li>- DCATT Phase 1 Testbed</li> <li>- NRA #2 Awards</li> <li>- Technology Readiness Monograph</li> <li>- Advanced Mirror Systems Demonstrator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 prototypes successfully demonstrated adequate cryogenic performance</li> <li>- Faulty mirror mount assembly precluded timely convergence of final figuring and polishing of the 1 meter segmented aluminum overcoated with Nickel primary mirror. Phase 1 was terminated. Work continues on the highly successful Phase 0 hardware</li> <li>- NRA #2 proposal received on May 5, selection in June, 2000</li> <li>- Astronomical Society of the Pacific, volume 207, "NGST Science and Technology Exposition"</li> <li>- Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 downselect complete, 3 firms selected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All 3 prototypes will be manufactured for use in NMSD, AMSD mirrors</li> <li>- Mirror mount was retrofitted with supports that permitted polishing to resume. Current OPD is 7 <math>\mu</math>m, and convergence is 0.7 <math>\mu</math>m likely by June '00</li> <li>- Publication date is summer, 2000</li> <li>- Four prototype NGST active optics to be complete in summer, 2002</li> </ul>

# Report Card for Last Year – Accomplishment Metrics (cont'd)

Last Year's Goals	Status to Date	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Architecture Studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 1 Studies</li> <li>- NGST Monograph Series</li> <li>- Operations Concept Study</li> <li>- International Allocation Process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 strong Phase A/B study contractors competing since July, 1999</li> <li>- 9 monographs complete and in publication (online now)</li> <li>- ST Scl has released monographs on an NGST operations concept and an analysis of the cost of multiple instrument modes</li> <li>- Tripartite planning on a Paris-May 25 agreement between Weiler/Bonnet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 2 downselect in July '01</li> <li>- Complete documentation of the Yardstick studies of 1996-1998</li> <li>- Monographs are on the Web</li> <li>- Details to be worked out by March, 2001</li> </ul>

# Goals for the Next Year

- Programmatic

1. Phase 2 Downselect
2. Awards for NRA 2 for Instrument Technology

- Technology

1. Advanced Mirror Systems Demonstrator (AMSD) Phase 2
2. NGST Mirror Systems Demonstrator (NMSD) Phase 2 testing complete
3. Focal Plane Development – SCA
4. Wavefront Sensing & Control Testbeds Completion

- Science

1. Revitalize Science advocacy group (ISWG)

- Systems Studies

1. ISIM Delta Formulation Studies/Cost Estimates
2. OTA Cost Model Development
3. Cryocooler vs. Cryostat Trade Study
4. International Agreements and Phase A/B Studies

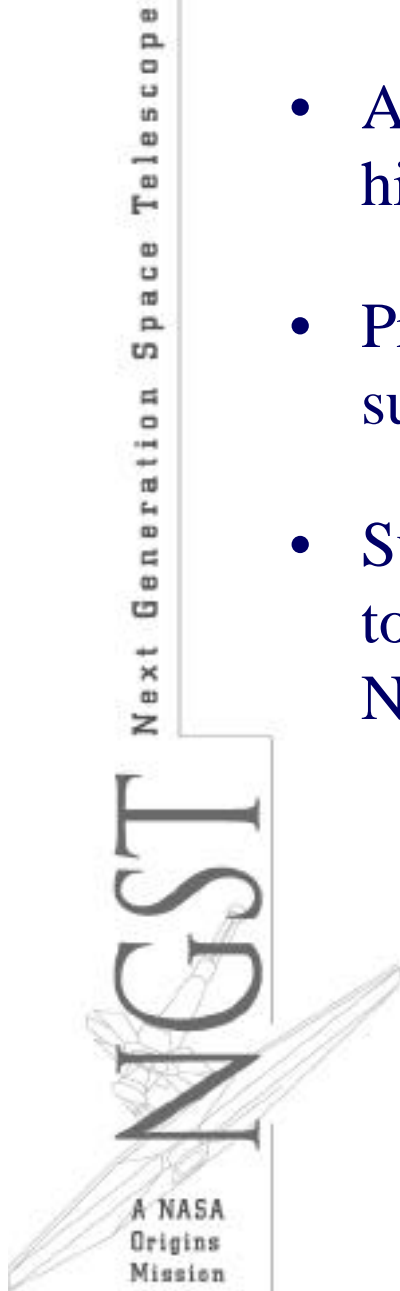
- Pathfinder Flights

ISIS Flight Experiment  
Nexus: Formulation/early Implementation

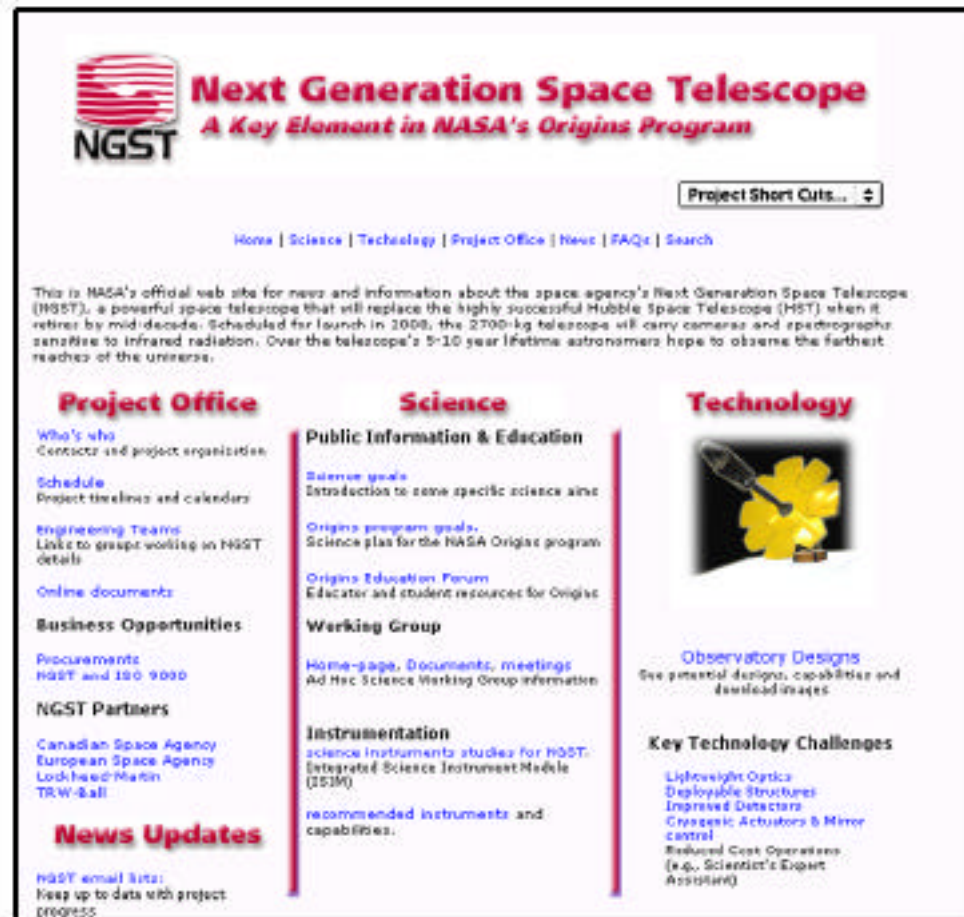


# Three Points to Remember about NGST

- Astronomical community has agreed to a limited set of highly focused science instrument capabilities
- Progress along technology roadmap compatible with successful demonstration by Non-advocate Review
- Successful rephasing of funds enables Nexus program to create dollar-for-dollar savings opportunities in NGST phase C/D costs




Want to Know More About NGST, Visit Our Website at  
<http://www.ngst.nasa.gov>



The screenshot shows the NGST website homepage. At the top left is the NGST logo, which consists of a stylized red and white striped flag above the letters 'NGST'. To the right of the logo is the title 'Next Generation Space Telescope' in a large, bold, red font, followed by the subtitle 'A Key Element in NASA's Origins Program' in a smaller, italicized red font. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: 'Home', 'Science', 'Technology', 'Project Office', 'News', 'FAQs', and 'Search'. A 'Project Short Cuts...' button is also present. A paragraph of text describes the NGST as NASA's official web site for news and information about the space agency's Next Generation Space Telescope (NGST), a powerful space telescope that will replace the highly successful Hubble Space Telescope (HST) when it retires by mid-decade. Scheduled for launch in 2008, the 2700-kg telescope will carry cameras and spectrographs sensitive to infrared radiation. Over the telescope's 5-10 year lifetime, astronomers hope to observe the farthest reaches of the universe.

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Project Office**
  - Who's who**: Contacts and project organization
  - Schedule**: Project timelines and calendars
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  - Online documents**
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    - Procurements: NGST and ISO 9000
  - NGST Partners**
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    - Lockheed Martin
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